

REMARKS

The Examiner cites 35 U.S.C. §112 in rejecting claim 30. The Examiner indicated he would accept a definition of "a setting parameter" as meaning any attribute in the data object. Applicants accept this definition.

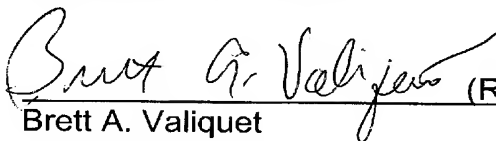
The Examiner rejects all of the patent claims using Barnard in view of Weiner. For some of the claims, the Examiner also uses an additional third or fourth reference in combination with Barnard and Weiner.

For this new combination of prior art cited by the Examiner, it is noted that Weiner is being cited based on its U.S. filing date of April 22, 2003. However, Applicants German priority date is September 30, 2002 which is earlier than the Weiner filing date. Thus, Applicants hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of their September 30, 2002 priority date and attach herewith a copy of the priority application from the U.S. Patent Office website (image file wrapper), and a certified translation of that priority document. Thus Weiner is removed as a reference.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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